(d) It is for the State Government to ensure that the required infrastructural facilities are provided to the District Courts in the State.

Representation of SC/ST and Women Judges

2307. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Judges in the Supreme Court and in the various High Courts in the country, court-wise;

(b) the details of percentage of SC/ST and Women Judges; court-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that our judicial system is not adequately represented by the above sections; and

(d) if so, the comments of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) As on 11th April 2002, the number of sitting women Judges in the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts, was 1 and 19 respectively.

Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts is made under articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India respectively which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. There is no proposal at present for incorporating in the Constitution of India clauses providing for reservation of SC/ST or Women in the matter of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and High Courts.

The Central Government has however, been writing to the Chief Ministers of the States and the Chief Justice of the High Courts, from time to time, requesting them to locate suitable persons from the Bar belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other

Backward Classes, Minorities and Women for appointment as High Court Judges. They were reminded last on March 15, 2002.

Statement

Court-wise number of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts (As on 11.04.2002)

Supreme Court of India		26
High Courts		
1.	Allahabad	52
2.	Andhra Pradesh	31
3.	Bombay	53
4.	Calcutta	42
5.	Chhattisgarh	03
6.	Delhi	30
7.	Guahati	15
8.	Gujarat	34
9.	Himachal Pradesh	07
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	08
11.	Jharkhand	10
12.	Karnataka	30
13.	Kerala	24
14.	Madhya Pradesh	26
15.	Madras	31
16.	Orissa	14
17.	Patna	23
18.	Punjab and Haryana	26
19.	Rajasthan	27
20.	Sikkim	01
21.	Uttaranchal	03
	TOTAL:	490